

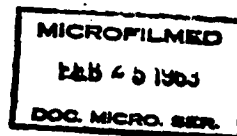
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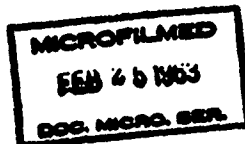
(January 1953)

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January the attached report is from the same
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emanates directly from Emile Ghouri himself.

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Activities of Haj Amin Al Husseini (Jan. 1953)

KHLE GHOURI returned to CAIRO from BEIRUT on 10th January. Prior to his return he had visited the PAPAL NUNCIO to LEBANON, (Monsieur) ELIA SALIBI, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan in Beirut, and KAMIL EL-MOUN, President of the Lebanese Republic. He asked the PAPAL NUNCIO to convey to the VATICAN the thanks of the A.R.B. HIGHER EXECUTIVE for the support given by the Latin American States in U.N.O. to the Arab cause, while SALIBI was asked to thank the Soviet Government for its support in U.N.O.

(Source's Comment: It was originally GHOURI's intention to convey the thanks of the A.R.B. to the Soviet Government via the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in DAMASCUS, Monsiegnor TAHAY, but the recent arrest there of two prominent MUFTI supporters, MA'AROUF SALIBI and Sheikh MUSTAJA BRAHI, persuaded him of the wisdom of such a course).

2. On 7th January MUSTAJA BRAHAS, one of the ex-Mufti's henchmen in CAIRO, arrived in Beirut en route for Damascus. There he saw RAFIQ SAMIMI, and (Sheikh) RAFIQ IBRAHIM, alias Abu Ibrahim BASHIR, both noted for former terrorist activities. He paid the former one hundred pounds Egyptian to enable them to select and despatch three terrorists from Syria to Israel on a reconnaissance of possible sabotage targets.

3. Some time in late December or early January (exact date unknown) the ex-Mufti called on General MAGUIB and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the refugees in the GAZA area. In return the General sent a courtesy delegation composed of Bintashi EL-KHASSER and Fathi BAKR, to call on Haj Amin. On behalf of General MAGUIB the delegation asked for the ex-Mufti's views on the most suitable form of Government for Egypt. HAJ AMIN replied that EGYPT should be a Republic with General MAGUIB as its President.

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